

Wedding Checklist

ASAP

- Set your budget
- Select the wedding date, location and time of the ceremony
- Decide on the type of wedding (formal, casual, theme)
- Select and notify your clergy or officials
- Select the type of music for the ceremony
- Book the reception location
- Select and reserve a caterer
- Select and reserve photographer and/or videographer
- Book your reception music/entertainment
- Select and reserve transportation
- Have your engagement picture taken
- Pick the color scheme
- Visit bridal salon
- Order bridal dress and headpiece
- Select your attendants and verify
- Choose attendants dresses and headpieces
- Order attendants gowns and schedule fittings
- Begin honeymoon plans
- Discuss living arrangements

Six to eight months before

- Send engagement photo and announcement to paper (if applicable)
- Register at chosen bridal registries
- Have mothers choose their dresses and schedule fittings
- Complete the guest list including names and addresses

Four to six months before

- Order invitations and other personalized stationery
- Select florist and choose your floral arrangements
- Select a baker and choose your cake
- Start shopping for trousseau (clothing, accessories, linen)
- Schedule your bridal portrait for 2-3 weeks before the wedding

Two to four months before

- Choose and reserve men's wedding attire
- Plan the rehearsal and dinnertime
- Book rehearsal location
- Address your invitations
- Confirm your details with hired professionals; get your agreements in writing where possible.
- Choose decorations
- Plan showers and other wedding parties
- Select wedding bands
- Have bridal party fittings

Four to eight weeks before

- Mail your invitations to arrive four weeks in advance
- Purchase attendants gifts
- Purchase grooms gift
- Purchase wedding accessories
- Keep records of rsvp's
- Have final dress fittings

- Inform everyone of rehearsal dates/times
- Arrange accommodations for out of town guests
- Complete trousseau shopping

Two to three weeks before

- Decide on your hairstyle (meet with stylist)
- Apply for marriage license
- Address wedding announcements
- Have someone contact guests who have not responded
- Pick up your wedding rings
- Meet with photographer / videographer
(let them know about any special pictures you want to have taken)
- Contact your band or DJ and give them a list of songs you want played
- Pick up bridal attire
- Have your formal bridal photo taken

Week of wedding

- Finalize the guest list and get a total number
- Provide the caterer with the final count and seating arrangements
- Pick up honeymoon tickets / travelers checks
- Pick up men's formalwear
- Pack for honeymoon
- Confirm flower delivery times
- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Assign wedding day duties to attendants
- Give gifts to attendants

Wedding day

- Mail wedding announcements
- Relax and take your time getting dressed
- Be dressed two hours in advance if photos are being taken before the ceremony
- Bring wedding rings and marriage license